



# City of Bellevue | Commendation

- Whereas;** John Stokes was first elected to the Bellevue City Council in 2011, and subsequently re-elected by the people of Bellevue in 2015, 2019 and 2023, demonstrating the community's trust in his leadership and vision; and
- Whereas;** During his time on the Council, including terms as both mayor and deputy mayor, Councilmember Stokes served with integrity, compassion and a steadfast commitment to the well-being of all Bellevue residents; and
- Whereas;** Councilmember Stokes brought invaluable leadership to the city's efforts in affordable housing, environmental protection, mental and behavioral health services and equitable community development; and
- Whereas;** His dedication to children and families through his work with Eastside Pathways and his advocacy for inclusive, community-based solutions has improved the lives of countless individuals across Bellevue; and
- Whereas;** Councilmember Stokes contributed significantly to Bellevue's cultural and recreational vitality through his support for the arts, sustainable urban growth and parks, including serving on the Parks & Community Services Board prior to his election to City Council; and
- Whereas;** He served with distinction on numerous regional bodies, including the Eastside Housing Partnership, King County Regional Water Quality Committee, Sound Cities Association and the WRIA 8 Salmon Recovery Council, further extending Bellevue's influence and cooperation across the Eastside and beyond; and
- Whereas;** John Stokes' tenure on the Bellevue City Council was marked by civility, thoughtfulness and a tireless pursuit of a more inclusive, vibrant and connected city for all.

**Now, therefore, I,** Mayor Lynne Robinson, on behalf of the Bellevue City Council, do, this **22nd day of April in the year 2025**, hereby commend:

## **John Stokes**

and urge all members of our community to join in thanking him for his outstanding public service and lifelong dedication to the City of Bellevue.

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Lynne Robinson, Mayor  
City of Bellevue